

2011 Calera Chardonnay Central Coast

RATING: 90 points

PRODUCER: Calera

FROM: Central Coast,
California, USA

VARIETY: Chardonnay

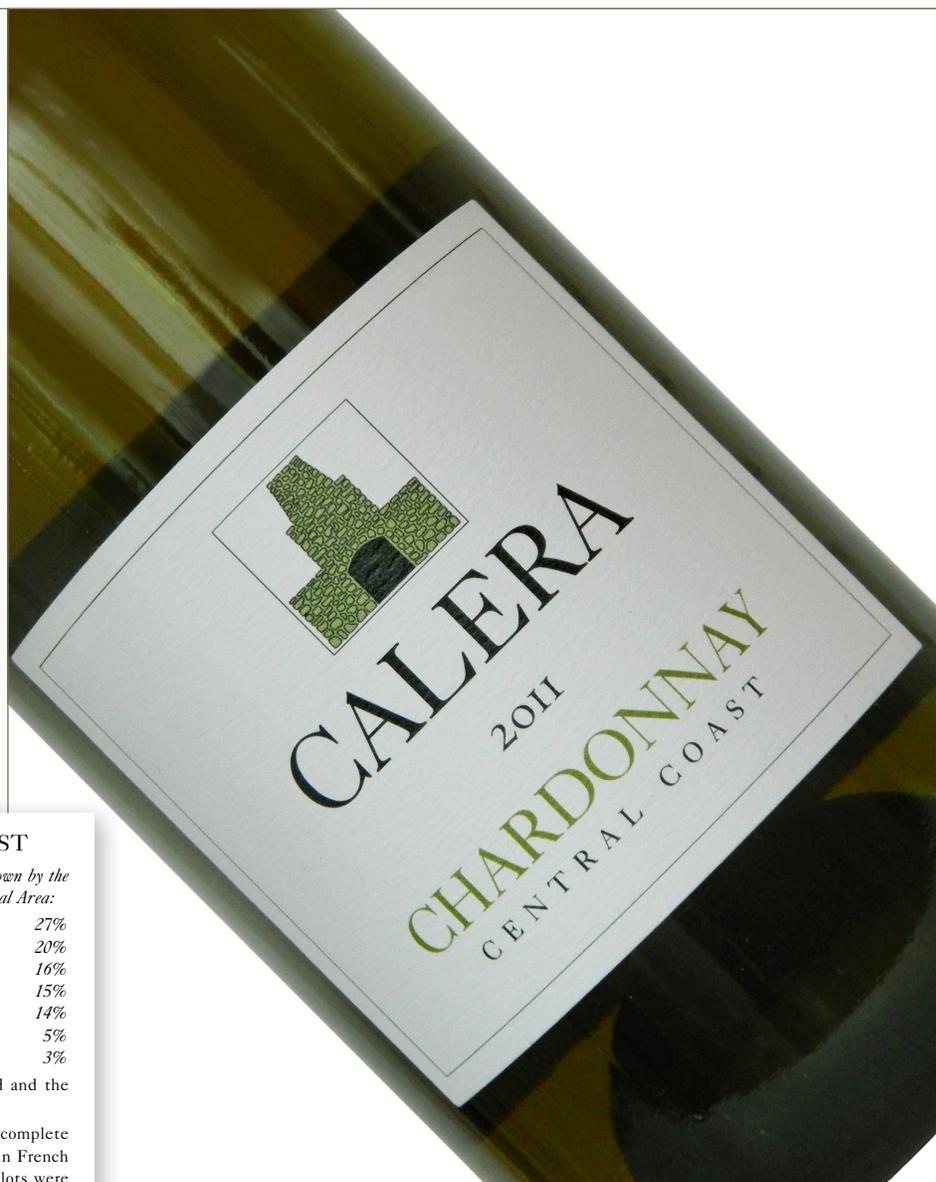
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Calera's 2011 Chardonnay Central Coast is super-impressive, especially for the money. A textured, inviting wine, the 2011 boasts gorgeous depth and tons of finesse. Deeply expressive varietal notes wrap around the creamy finish.

— *Antonio Galloni*

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2011 CHARDONNAY CENTRAL COAST

Calera's 2011 Central Coast Chardonnay is made from grapes grown by the following selected vineyards in California's Central Coast Viticultural Area:

Zabala Vineyard	Monterey County	27%
Lone Oak Vineyard	Monterey County	20%
Laetitia Vineyard	San Luis Obispo County	16%
Vigna Monte Nero Vineyard	Monterey County	15%
Pedregal Vineyard	San Benito County	14%
Cienega Valley Vineyard	San Benito County	5%
Besson Vineyard	Santa Clara County	3%

After hand harvesting, the whole grape clusters were pressed and the juice was moved by gravity to Calera's barrel cellar.

Fermentation in barrels by native yeasts was followed by complete malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged without racking in French oak barrels, 10% new, for ten months. The separate vineyard lots were combined prior to bottling.